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The Undersea World of Jesus Christ

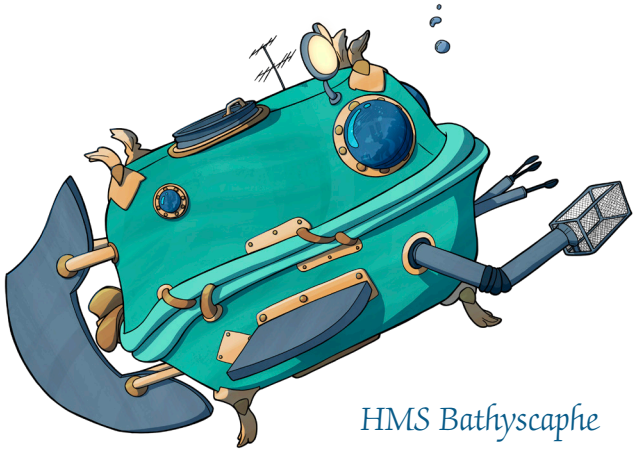
The sea is His, for it was He who made it . . .
Psalm 95:5a

"Testing, testing, 1, 2, 3, testing. Aahemmm . . . ahhh, this is Hans Seismo of the HMS Bathyscaphe.[1] Today, I set out on a mission of discovery to exegete the many ways the ocean reveals the character of our great and loving Creator, Jesus Christ. I am thrilled by this opportunity to explore Christ's Creation. I know that what I am doing is potentially dangerous, but I trust the One who leads me and gives me breath (Job 33:4)!"

Our dear Professor Seismo embarks upon a somewhat risky mission deep into the sea. The vessel he finds himself in today is not what we might call a "sea-worthy submersible;" more like a bathroom centerpiece. His cause is noble, but his craft . . . otherwise. The professor has taken two old metal bathtubs and welded them together to make a submarine. Automobile headlights, mounted on top, provide light. And he's constructed two robotic arms from spare parts in his workshop. One of the arms has a deep-fry basket on the end for collecting samples. The other sports a spoon and kitchen tongs for holding objects. He's rigged up a unique propulsion system, which he was reluctant to discuss (something to do with plutonium). I dearly hope he doesn't blow himself up. With ample provisions, he's ready to set sail from the shores of British Columbia in his nuclear-powered bathtub, destined for the depths of the Pacific. Come now and dive with him into the ocean of Christ's glory. Godspeed, Professor!

HMS Bathyscaphe Log: Day 5

"My trip thus far has been without incident. I've taken many measurements and am starting to understand the complexity of this grand ecosystem called the sea, which covers over two-thirds of the Earth. We might think of the ocean as an enormous aquarium our Lord Jesus very carefully maintains with His watchful eye (Psalm 104:24-28).



HMS Bathyscaphe

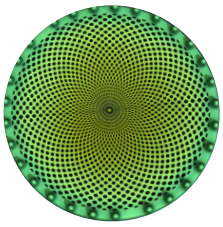
1 Seismo (pronounced SIZE - mo) is a fictitious character. HMS stands for "His Master's Servant." Bathyscaphe is pronounced BATH - uh - skafe.

"God keeps the temperature of the sea remarkably constant. He specially designed water to absorb a lot of heat—it has a *high heat capacity*. Because of this, the temperature of water changes very slowly. At any given spot on the open ocean, the surface may vary only one-half degree Fahrenheit (0.3° C) from night to day. Between summer and winter, water temperature changes 14° F (8° C), at most.[2]

"Our Lord Jesus Christ has blended a number of salts into the water of the sea, as well as minerals like iron, aluminum, copper, silver, and gold. The mineral and salt content remains fairly stable from one region of the ocean to another, but can vary significantly with inland seas. Each gallon of water in the Red Sea, for instance, contains about 15 percent more salt than the rest of the ocean, whereas the Baltic Sea is one-fifth as salty.

"Vast regions of the ocean are blue, not because they reflect the sky, but because water molecules scatter blue light while absorbing the other colors of the rainbow. Coastal waters, however, and those of the Antarctic and Arctic Oceans, often appear green. Their color advertises a vast variety and abundance of sea life. This emerald hue comes from suspended organic particles that reflect green light and countless microscopic green algae.

"I read somewhere that the Red Sea probably got its name from a unique red algae thriving in its waters.[3] Normally blue-green, these microscopic floating plants undergo changes in color not unlike the transformation of autumn leaves. And like the central blood-colored floret of the Queen Ann's lace flower,[4] Jesus uses the temporary crimson stain of ocean waters to remind us of His great sacrifice for sin!


Diatom

greatly magnified

"Out here in the Pacific, billions of tiny plants and floating animals live near the surface. Collectively called *plankton* (PLANK - ton), I've discovered that they are indispensable to the food web of the ocean. Drifting bits of plant life, like diatoms, are known as *phytoplankton* (fye - tow - PLANK - ton). They capture energy from the sun via photosynthesis and produce food.

Think of plankton as a nutritious "soup" of minute plants and animals that Jesus daily prepares as an essential meal for a wide variety of fish. "Plankton" comes from the Greek word planktós, which means "drifting." These organisms are found drifting in the surface layers of sunlit seawater.

"Living beside phytoplankton are tiny animals, the *zooplankton* (zoh - oh - PLANK - ton). These, in turn, thrive by eating the phytoplankton. Our great Creator populates the minute zooplankton with an amazing variety of complex-looking creatures—delightfully striking and sometimes terrifying in appearance.

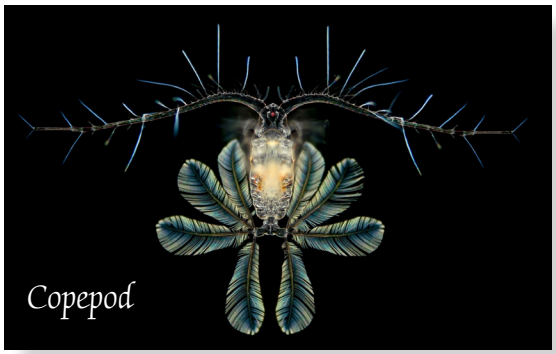
"One reason our Lord Jesus sculpted plankton with such elaborate shapes is to increase their surface area. This helps prevent them from sinking into the dark depths of the ocean and away from the life-giving energy of the sun. Mostly, I think He made them this way to radiate His awesome beauty!"

Red algae

2 H.V. Thurman; H.H. Webber, *Marine Biology* (Columbus OH: Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company, 1984), 109.

3 *Trichodesmium erythraeum*

4 Read ***HIS NATURE*** Issue #18, *Heaven on Earth*.



The Professor gathers a small sample of plankton using a straw fitted to his submersible and then peers at it under a microscope. He spies a beautiful copepod (KO - puh - pod).

"Surprisingly, fish are not the most abundant animals in the ocean; *copepods* hold that distinction. Copepods are minute crustaceans—smaller versions of shrimp, crabs, and lobsters. Jesus made many different types, and jointly, they constitute a large part of the plankton population. About the size of a snowflake, our Creator fitted the copepod with a most unusual feature—a single eye! Their value in the ocean cannot be underestimated because of the hundreds of larger sea creatures that feed on them.

"The most elegant of the zooplankton are the jellyfish. Like copepods, they are considered invertebrates since they have no backbone, or any bones for that matter."

A graceful jellyfish swims by the right porthole of the HMS Bathyscaphe.

"Would you believe me if I told you that God designed more than 2,000 different kinds of jellyfish? And many thousands may yet be discovered by marine biologists in the future. During my swing through the Arctic Ocean, I came across several that were seven feet (2 m) in diameter, though most jellyfish are less than three feet (1 m) across. So graceful and fascinating to watch, they led me to wonder just how exquisite our Lord God's beauty must be to have fashioned such an ethereal animal! Some were orange, some were blue. Each possessed over 1,000 lacey tentacles, many as long as a school bus. Jesus also peppers the tentacles of jellyfish with a deadly poison, used to capture fish.[5]

"OK, I'm going to take the Bathyscaphe down into deeper water now.

"Concealed from view under an aqua-blue blanket, the ocean hides mammoth mountain ranges and deep valleys. This otherworldly landscape includes numerous submarine volcanoes. Tamu Massif, an underwater volcano east of Japan, is comparable in size to the state of Arizona! And the Mariana Trench, off the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean, is Earth's deepest valley, reaching a depth of almost seven miles (11 km). It greatly dwarfs the Grand Canyon."

Several minutes later.

"I'm now approximately 300 feet (90 m) below the surface. Although I can still see out the porthole, sunlight doesn't penetrate well at this depth. Hmmm, I wonder what that is?"

A twelve-foot-long shark suddenly bears down on Professor Seismo's submarine and tries to consume the left porthole. CRUNCH!

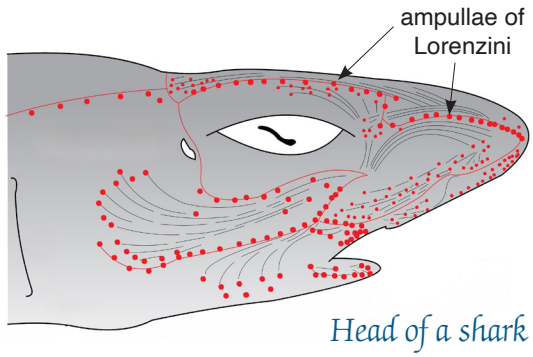
"Fascinating. You should see all these teeth. There must be at least a dozen rows of them, one after another. If a shark's tooth falls out, a brand new tooth from the very next row takes its place within 24 hours. During a shark's lifetime, it may produce 25,000 or more teeth."

5 Yet another reason we should lovingly fear our Creator!

We might wonder why Professor Seismo risks life and limb to explore the ocean depths. His childlike spirit remains restless to discover the treasures of God's revealed glory.

"Like all fish,[6] sharks possess excellent senses; they can smell a meal from a distance of one-quarter mile (0.4 km), and hear a distressed fish flopping around in the water over one-half mile (0.8 km) away. If conditions are just right, a shark can also detect the electrical signals of a swimmer's heart from a distance of one mile (1.6 km)! Surrounding the snout of a shark, our Creator Jesus carefully positioned special tiny openings, the *ampullae of Lorenzini*. These pores sense the electricity produced by the muscles of other creatures, including people."

"This particular shark must be attracted to the electrical field generated by my submarine. I'm . . . I'm going to s . . . stop



Head of a shark

recording for a f . . . few minutes because . . . the sub is being ro . . . rocked about . . . and . . . I . . . I'm getting ah . . . a headache."

Using one of the robotic arms, Professor Seismo removes a large feather from a special storage compartment on the left side of the sub. He breaks free from the shark by running the feather back and forth inside its mouth.

"Who knew that sharks are ticklish too?! Tomorrow, I'm going deeper to see what other strange creatures Master Jesus has hidden in the waters below."

HMS Bathyscaphe Log: Day 6

"As the sub descends further from the surface, fewer species of fish swim about. I'm now at a depth of a 65-story building, and the outside temperature is beginning to drop rapidly. Although it's midday, darkness grips the sub, and I'm finding no more phytoplankton in the water samples. Apparently, plants cannot survive in this ever-increasing 'night.'"

A little over one-half mile down, the HMS Bathyscaphe becomes engulfed by twilight. The Professor catches a shadowy glimpse of a huge sunfish swimming just outside his sub.

"What an eerie sight. This *Mola mola* must weigh at least one ton (1,000 kg). It makes me feel like a speck of nothingness before my Creator, for its very existence depends upon God's infinitely greater being![7]

"Numerous tiny lights are now circling the submersible. Approximately 80 percent of fish at this depth produce their own light through the process of *bioluminescence* (bi - o - loo - mih - NESS - ens). At one extreme is the *lanternfish*. Only two inches long, it sports several sublime lanterns on either side of its body. King Jesus uses these lights to confuse other hungry fish. *Would any of us* want to eat something that looked like a miniature high-rise building turned on its side? Sometimes, the lanternfish turns off its lamps to prevent being spotted.

6 Read more about fish in the ***CREATOR Journal*** Volume 18 Number 4.

7 Acts 17:28, "For in Him we live and move and exist."

"*One out of five* creatures our Lord placed in the ocean spends its entire life in utter darkness. This strange, alien world has no day or night, and no seasons. With the outside lights on, I'm now enjoying the graceful movements of several deep-sea jellyfish. Jellyfish cannot see one another because they possess no eyes. The purpose of their splendor serves God's good pleasure and our enjoyment.[8] Their color ranges from maroon to cherry-red, cream to dark brown. I'm struck by the thought that everywhere people go, no matter how remote, Christ's beauty radiates throughout His Creation!

"WOW. You should see the face of this terrifying creature; it must be an *anglerfish*. And it's looking straight at me. The sea certainly proclaims both the beauty and fear of the Lord! Above her nose, Jesus placed a long stalk with a sac containing bright red glowing bacteria at the end. The anglerfish uses this stalk like a fishing pole, and the light, which is sometimes shaped like a worm, as a lure. Other fish, large and small, are attracted to its glow. And if they venture too close to the angler's mouth, they become her lunch. It doesn't matter how big the fish might be; the angler can gulp down something two or three times her size.[9] I wonder if she sees the bathyscaphe as a long-lost cousin?

"I want to go into the deeper parts of the sea, but I'm afraid my bathyscaphe won't withstand the tremendous water pressure. I have decided instead to go to port in Hawaii for a scheduled refitting with a titanium hull. This new design should allow me to probe further into the ocean realm."

HMS Bathyscaphe Log: Day 14

"I'm forced to conserve rations, several times surfacing to catch fish. Good thing Hawaii is close by; I'm not sure I can stomach any more anchovy sandwiches. Speaking of which, anchovies and similar small creatures, like sardines and herring, represent vital links in the ocean's food web. These fish eat zooplankton and are then eaten by larger fish—tuna, cod, mackerel, and swordfish. These, in turn, become food for sharks, marine mammals, and people.

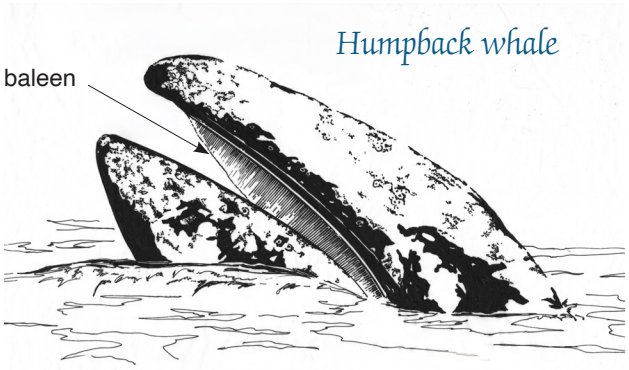
"Surprisingly, the largest of Christ's marine mammals, the whales, fancy the smallest of ocean creatures. The blue whale, for instance, feasts on tiny krill. Hands down, the blue whale is the most enormous animal God ever made, more massive than the dinosaurs! At birth, an infant is comparable to a large pickup truck for size and weight. It then gains about 200 pounds (90 kg) per day by drinking its mother's milk. By the time the youngster weans—at six months old—it measures greater than 50 feet (15 m)

8 Some scientists wrongly assume that an organism's appearance must always have some practical purpose.

9 Anglerfish often have an opaque, black digestive tract. This divine design helps conceal the bright lights of any bioluminescent fish it may swallow.

in length. An adult may reach twice that and weigh as much as a Boeing 787 jetliner. The blue whale is so heavy that if God took it out of the sea and placed it on dry land, it would be crushed under its own weight.

"This mammal belongs to a group of warm-blooded creatures called *baleen whales*. They possess no teeth; instead, God lined their mouths with several hundred slats that look like horizontally-placed window blinds. These slats, known as *whalebone* or *baleen*, are composed of keratin, the same material Jesus uses to make our fingernails. Baleen whales use these slats to strain the seawater of tiny creatures to eat. The blue whale prefers *krill*, a shrimp-like animal, while the humpback whale (also a baleen whale) eats

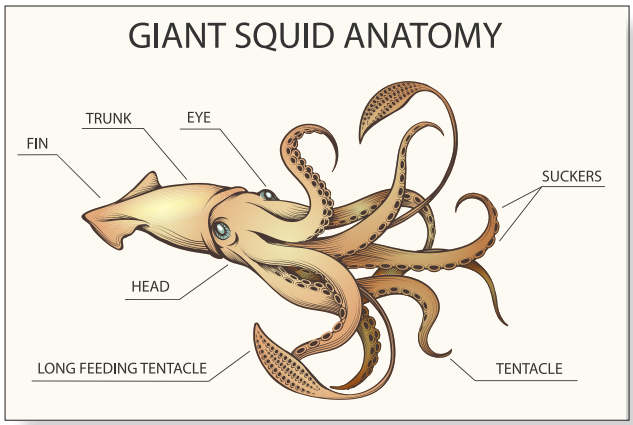


small fish and plankton. In summer, blue whales consume up to 16 tons of krill every day. Now that's an appetite!

"Scientists refer to the other group of cetaceans as the *toothed whales*. These include sperm whales, killer whales, dolphins, and porpoises. The Son of God has blessed the sperm whale with excellent diving skills. It can venture down one and a half miles (2.4 km) in search of food, and can "hold its breath" for 90 minutes.[10] (Jesus gave them a means of storing much-needed oxygen in their massive muscles.) The sperm whale's favorite snack is the giant squid, which lives in the ocean at great depths. Giant squid don't go down without a fight, though. Many a sperm whale carries sucker scars to prove it.

Sperm whale tangling with a giant squid

"As far as we know, the giant squid is the biggest invertebrate Christ ever made.[11] Growing to the length of a semi-trailer, and weighing as much as an average car, our mighty Maker equipped it with huge eyes—the size of a 15-inch pizza—the largest eyes of any of our Lord's creatures. Ten tentacles surround its deadly, beaked mouth, including two longer feeding tentacles. Each is studded with hundreds of suckers, which can be used to grasp other animals.[12] It generally travels slowly in water, beating the fins on either side of its trunk in search of fish and shrimp. When startled, it can move rapidly by pushing a high-pressure stream of water from its body, along with a colossal cloud of black ink, to hide itself from predators like the sperm whale."



10 Using their blowholes, whales release all the air out of their lungs before diving. If they didn't, nitrogen would be forced into the bloodstream at great depths, causing the "bends" when they surface.

11 *Architeuthis dux* (ar - kuh - TOO - thiss duks)

12 Each sucker is lined with serrated rings of razor-sharp chitin.

Suddenly, Professor Seismo hears several eerie, but beautiful melodies coming through the ice-cold walls of his sub. He quickly and joyfully recognizes these as the hymns of humpback whales.

"Whales produce high-pitched sounds, like bats; their strange chirps and squeaks function as sonar, allowing them to navigate in dark or murky waters. By using sound waves, a dolphin (a small whale) can find a tiny metal pellet in a large pool of water. It is thought that many whales communicate with other whales over hundreds, even thousands of miles, using lower-pitched notes. I'm also convinced that our Lord orchestrates these as unique worship songs, which are some of the most complex in the world![13]

"The Hawaiian coast is in sight, so I'd better get ready for docking."

Four weeks later, Professor Seismo has returned to the open ocean.

HMS Bathyscaphe Log: Day 42

"This morning, I piloted the sub to the ocean floor, and a veil of abysmal black now surrounds me. No sunlight normally penetrates below a depth of one kilometer (0.6 miles). Many fish at this depth have very large eyes—100 times more sensitive to light than our own eyes. Some creatures, though, have diminished sight or no eyes at all. They're totally blind. And most of the fish down here are rather bizarre in appearance, as one might expect.

"Compared with the waters above, I've discovered a greater variety of fish and fish of larger sizes, near the ocean bottom. Scientists call this latter phenomenon *benthogigantism*, which is a fancy way of saying that, for mysterious reasons,[14] our Creator causes some creatures of the seafloor (the benthos) to become enormous (see photo on right).

"Fine silt normally covers the ocean floor. The *tripod fish* has been graced with a truly wonderful design to help deal with this muddy environment. These fish can 'stand above' the deep sediment while waiting for a meal to pass by. To prevent tripod fish from sinking into the soft silt, Christ gave them three extremely long, stilt-like fins—thus their name, tripod (three-legged) fish.

Tripod fish

"A fair number of benthic creatures (animals of the ocean floor) live far from the light of day. Sponges, sea urchins, starfish, anemones, sea cucumbers, and six-foot benthic worms thrive here. Sponges are interesting because they have no eyes, ears, or nose, and no heart, brain, nerves, stomach, or bones. They can't even move, and yet they are considered animals. Ten thousand different kinds of sponges were created by the Lord—*what an imaginative Creator we adore!*

Benthogigantism

To the left is a photo of a giant isopod found on the ocean floor. Isopods, such as the pill bug, are usually quite small—0.5 inch (13 mm).

13 The praise songs of humpback whales can last more than 30 minutes.

14 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8).

Euplectella aspergillum

"There are a few sponges that especially fascinate me. Many marine creatures have structures made of calcium carbonate (sea shells), but Christ uses silica dissolved in water to construct the delicate glass homes of some deep-sea sponges." *Yes, Jesus made them of glass!*

"One of His most unique creations is a fragile sponge (*Euplectella aspergillum*) fashioned in the shape of a vase.[15] Our Lord lovingly leads a pair of shrimp—male and female—to the sponge; they then take up residence inside. With time, God seals the top of the sponge to prevent predators from assaulting the couple. Eventually, the shrimp have young, which can leave 'home' through its fine latticework. 'Dad and Mom,' however, spend the remainder of their lives within this delicate glassy palace.[16] Through these lowly creatures, our Heavenly Father uses Christ's glassy handiwork to give us a marvelous illustration of just how fragile, beautiful, and permanent marriage can be!

Euplectella aspergillum
(orange-colored shrimp inside)

"Many benthic animals produce their own light (bioluminescence). Like the anglerfish, Jesus placed a red lantern at the end of the gulper eel's tail to attract other fish to eat. Most benthic creatures are scavengers, though. They wait patiently for dead plants and animals to rain down from the shallower waters above, 'as manna from heaven.' If deceased creatures were to float rather than sink, there would be no food supply, and the ocean floor would become devoid of life. May we see God as the faithful Provider of even the lowliest creatures! Creation thus joins Scripture in proclaiming this great truth.[17]

"At the sea bottom, temperatures stay close to freezing year-round. Ocean water doesn't freeze here because of the large amount of salt dissolved in it.

"I'm not going to explore the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific because it's probably too risky. Maybe a newer model of the HMS Bathyscaphe could withstand the pressure. I'll have to consider that . . ."

God's Word says that a simple man believes anything, but "the sensible man considers his steps" (Proverbs 14:15), or in the Professor's case, "his depths." The Mariana Trench is a deep underwater valley, the deepest in the world, plummeting down almost seven miles (11 km) below the ocean surface.

Bathyscaphe Log: Day 54

Lo siento mucho sobre su barco, Profesor Seismo,"[18] *came the voice of a handsomely bronzed fisherman.*

"This morning, I mistakenly surfaced into a Peruvian fishing net. It was my fault; I should have been more careful. One look at the HMS Bathyscaphe, and the captain and crew went wild with excitement. They thought they had caught a sea monster! In the panic, one of the deckhands threw a boat hook at the sub, which really messed up the navigational system. When I popped my head out of the

15 Also known as a Venus' flower basket
16 The shrimp inside the glass sponge are thought to luminesce, lighting up their beautiful home in the deep, dark ocean waters.
17 Please read Job 38:41; Psalm 104; Matthew 6:26.
18 Spanish for, "I'm very sorry about your boat, Professor Seismo!"

hatch, they looked confused. I knew enough Spanish to convince them I wasn't Leviathan. The fishermen have been very kind to me, considering I tore their net. And they promised to take me to the nearest harbor.

"As I watch the South American shore pass by, the same coastline Charles Darwin studied nearly 200 years ago, I am perplexed at how anyone could conclude that all this wonderful Creation around me just happened by chance. It's so beautiful, so complex, so coordinated, and so cared for; entirely made by the loving hand of my Lord and God. I will never doubt that!"

The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD *our Maker. . .*
Today, if you would hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts, Psalm 95:5-6, 7c-8a

Psalm 95 records that the sea belongs to our Creator. This is why we named this Journal issue, *The Undersea World of Jesus Christ*, for no one on Earth has the right to claim its ownership but God![19] The above text also urges us to, "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." But we cannot truly worship our wonderful Lord unless we know Him (Acts 17:23). So, *how do we gain this knowledge?*

The Great Exchange

The fear of the LORD *is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7*

God's infinite love moves Him to warn the world of His approaching judgment. "It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). In this issue, we have presented some of the ways that the ocean proclaims the *fear of the Lord* (Amos 9:3b), and countless ways it displays *Christ's beauty*—the glory of our Triune God.

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5:13-16 that His glory can be compared to salt and light. Is it a coincidence then that the two chief characteristics of this divine testimony we call the ocean are its saltiness and God's illumination of it?

No known organism on Earth (plant or animal) can survive without salt. So necessary is salt to all living things that it can be seen as a symbol of life. No wonder Jesus revealed it as an emblem of His glory (Matthew 5:13).

For millennia, salt has been used by people both as a preservative and a seasoning. It is Christ's glory that gives civilization its meaning and purpose, its flavor and attractiveness. And without Christ, our societies cannot long survive![20]

True Christians shine the light of God's glory. "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). Jesus illuminates marine life using a delightful mix of sunlight, moonlight, starlight, and light from within (bioluminescence)—all revealing His glory.

In the face of these testimonies (Creation and Scripture), we must ask ourselves, "Does His glory reside in us, like salt and light? Or is our focus on the things of this world, which only dilute or dim Christ's character?" Sadly, those who want to "fix the world" often have their eyes fixed on the world, not Jesus

19 Many years ago, there was a popular TV show titled "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

20 Consider what happened to the Roman Empire.

(Hebrews 12:2).[21] The real problem is that the world does not see "the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). It has been said that one can be so heavenly-minded to be of no earthly good. *But nothing could be further from the truth* (Colossians 3:2)!

Through the Cross, God's children receive Christ's righteousness; He takes away their sin, cleansing them by His blood. This is known as the *Great Exchange* (2 Corinthians 5:21) and the only way anyone can know God.

Jesus teaches us that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23). We must exchange our glory (those things in which we find pride or boasting) for His glory and His alone. This transaction is impossible without God's Spirit but is the only way we can experience the joy of the Lord, which is joy inexpressible (Matthew 13:44). We must repent of the worldly things that bring us security or hope, trusting instead in *the glory of Christ alone, by faith alone*. Christ warns us that if we don't love Him more than all else, we are not worthy to be His disciples (see Matthew 10:37-38; Luke 14:25-35; John 21:15).

Has God brought you to the point in your life where you are willing to surrender all to Him in exchange for His glory and a true knowledge of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2)? Answering this burning question will *take honest soul-searching*.

We all must humbly ask ourselves if there is anything that we love more than knowing Jesus—job, money, health, family, ministry, church (read Jeremiah 9:23-24). All these are important, yet they cannot be our hope, security, or boasting. If they are, we have no place in Christ's kingdom and are in real danger of eternal destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

If you are holding onto any security, save the hand of Christ (Psalm 73:23), please let go! This does not mean we neglect our responsibilities before God or stop loving others. But we must love Him more, *far more*.

21 Jonathan Edwards preached two types of love: love for God and love for self. The only way to "love thy neighbor" is by loving Christ first and last. Otherwise, our love for others is nothing more than self-love!

Jesus died on a cross to remove sin from our lives and give us His righteousness. *If you believe this*, then take the final step in the Great Exchange (Matthew 13:44-46). By the power of His Spirit and the will of His Father, please exchange all for the glory of Christ. Trust that He can save you from the folly of your sin and its consequences, which include God's wrath and eternal punishment in Hell. Unless we appear before the Almighty clothed in the righteousness of Jesus, we cannot enter Heaven (Matthew 22:11-14).

Please know that if you make this exchange, you will become "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." You may not have peace here on Earth, yet you will have peace and great joy in God forever!

"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

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